

The Classics Courier

Winter 2026

Brrrr... winter has certainly settled in! As the days get colder, it's the perfect time to cozy up, slow down a bit, and enjoy time with friends and loved ones. We also hope you'll save a little room in your plans for time with your friends at the Classics Club.

We're excited to share the wonderful trips and social gatherings that we have in the works for 2026. Your enthusiasm and participation are what make our club feel so special, and we truly appreciate you being part of it.

We also wanted to take a moment to share some of the thoughtful responses we received from the surveys sent out in 2025:

- *“...there were SO many extras that were a surprise, and not called out in the brochure, that actually made the trip a real bargain! This trip was in the area of my ancestry, so everything we experienced was very special.”*
- *“I have loved all of the trips I have been on and all of the local events I have attended.”*
- *“The new friends I’ve made through my trips has been most valuable. The trips have been so well planned for enjoyment, and the uniqueness has been wonderful. I would not have thought of these spots we visit!”*
- *“Great variety and nicely paced.”*
- *“Excellent tour managers, tours, and ease and comfort of traveling.”*
- *“Great planning - enjoyed the tour guides and the bus driver!”*
- *“This was my first experience with the Classics. What stood out was the kind and friendly people on the trip.”*
- *“The mix of participants was awesome! Loved the new people we met.”*
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Thank you so much for taking the time to share your feedback. Your thoughts and ideas mean a great deal to us and help guide our planning as we work to create experiences that are enjoyable, memorable, and meaningful for everyone.

Wishing you a warm, happy, and wonderful New Year. We look forward to many more great moments together with the Classics Club!

Biljana Jovanovic, Nicole Patterson, and Courtney Weber
The Classics Team

Entertaining Events in the Community Rooms

(*HearthStone Center is located at 625 Bethany Road, DeKalb, IL 60115)

Antique Road Show With Steve Almburg

Tues., February 10, HearthStone Center*

Activity Level Low - Since the Antique Road Show in Leland drew such a strong response, we've decided to host another session at HearthStone! The event will take place at noon (doors open at 11:30 a.m.). For this session, we will be limiting participation to one item per person with a maximum of 50 people. If you plan to present an item, please email a photo of it to the Classics Department no later than February 1st. Not bringing an item? You're still welcome to join us! **RSVP by February 1st.** **Members: \$15 • Guests: \$16**

Jen Bristow of Fresh Jewelry Company

Wed., March 11, Kaneville Branch

Activity Level Low - When you really want to make a loved one smile ear to ear, nothing does the trick quite like fresh flowers. But what if your gift could last forever? That's exactly what Jen Bristow, co-founder of Fresh Jewelry Company set out to accomplish when she created her line of real flower jewelry. Her truly original pieces capture the natural beauty of fresh buds and freeze them in time. Jen Bristow will talk more about the techniques used to create these beautiful pieces of jewelry. Doors will open at 1:30 p.m. with delicious dessert from the "Purple Store" in Kaneville and the presentation to start at 2:00 p.m. **RSVP by March 4.** **Members \$15 • Guests \$16**

Roots and Recipes

Thurs., March 19, Genoa Branch

Activity Level Low - Pull up a chair for a delightful afternoon of stories, discovery, and good food! Lynn Buckner will join us in the Genoa Branch Community Room to guide a conversation about family history and genealogy. Bring what you already know about your family's story and be ready to learn more about how you can begin, or continue, your own family tree research. We'll also take time to swap favorite family recipes, share traditions, and enjoy the memories behind the meals that have been passed down through the years. To round out the afternoon, we'll enjoy a delicious taco bar provided by Rivers' Mexican Cantina & Grill. Doors open at 11:30, and lunch will be available at noon. **RSVP by March 12.** **Members: \$16 • Guests: \$18**

Sweet Treats and B-I-N-G-O

Wed., April 8, Serena Township Building

Activity Level Low - You won't want to miss out on a fun afternoon and fabulous prizes. Sweet treats will be served from the Serena Café. Doors open at 1:30 p.m. with Bingo to start at 2:00 p.m. **RSVP by April 1.** **Members and Guests \$10.**

Ladies Night Out

Sat., April 18, HearthStone Center*

Activity Level Low - Ladies! We are back with our most popular event! We have prepared a special evening of pampering, relaxation and laughter just for you! There will be some of our regular vendors and as well as some new vendors to check out. Drinks and appetizers will be served, and door prizes will be given throughout the evening! The fun begins at 5:00 p.m.! Payment is due upon registration. **RSVP by March 28.** **Members and Guests \$25.**

Entertaining Events, continued

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2027 Trip Preview Presentation!

Wednesday, May 27

10:00 A.M. at Hearthstone*

2:00 P.M. at Somonauk

Activity Level Low - Join us for a presentation about the upcoming extended trips for 2027. We have two locations for your convenience! Take the opportunity to sign up for the unforgettable and exciting ventures we have planned! **RSVP by May 20. FREE!**

Nourishing Your Heart: Cooking and Connecting After Loss

Thurs., June 4, Somonauk Branch

Activity Level Low - This meaningful afternoon will focus on exploring how healing from grief often begins in familiar places, like gathering around the kitchen table. Jo Cessna, local culinary instructor, will offer practical insight on navigating grief, honoring loss, and caring for emotional well-being, through thoughtful conversation and shared experiences. Lunch is included. Doors open at 11:30, and lunch will be available at noon. **RSVP by May 28. Members \$10 • Guests \$12**

Day Trips

On Your Feet! at Drury Lane Theatre

Sun., February 22

Activity Level Moderate - Join us for *On Your Feet!*, the inspiring true story of Emilio and Gloria Estefan, featuring their chart-topping music and the journey that made them international sensations. Filled with the exhilarating music of the Miami Sound Machine, this show will have you dancing in the aisles! **RSVP by February 1st. Members: \$165 • Guests: \$175**

St. Patrick's Green Chicago River Cruise!

Sun., March 15

Activity Level Moderate - This special Chicago River cruise on the day after the river is dyed its famous shade of emerald green is an opportunity to get a front-row seat for the fascinating history and process behind this iconic event. The river also provides unbeatable views of the city's architecture, the festive atmosphere on the riverbanks, and the magic of the moment. Plus, we will stop at Peggy Kinnane's Irish Restaurant and Pub in Arlington Heights for a delicious meal! Space is limited! **RSVP by February 10. Price includes transportation, cruise, lunch, and tips. Members: \$125 • Guests: \$137**

Hidden Wonders and Timeless Design in Wisconsin

Fri., April 24

Activity Level Moderate - Enjoy a day exploring some of Wisconsin's most fascinating natural, historical, and architectural treasures. We'll begin with a guided visit to Cave of the Mounds, where stunning underground formations create a truly unforgettable experience. Next, we'll travel to Mount Horeb for a guided tour of the Driftless Historium, offering insight into the unique history and culture of the Driftless Region. You'll then enjoy lunch on your own, with time to explore local dining options. In the afternoon, we'll visit Frank Lloyd Wright's Taliesin, the iconic home and studio that showcases Wright's vision and legacy. We'll end the day with a relaxing dinner at Bailey's Run Vineyard before heading home. **RSVP by April 10. Members: \$229 • Guests: \$251**

Day Trips, continued

Farm History, Heritage, and a Hearty Lunch!

Tues., May 12

Activity Level Low - Step back in time and enjoy a charming countryside outing as we visit Denny Rehn's farm in rural Belvidere for a one-of-a-kind look at agricultural history. Denny will personally guide us through his impressive and thoughtfully curated collection of agriculture-related artifacts and treasures, all cared for in his museum-like barn. You might have seen our article on Denny and his collection in the most recent issue of *Your Resource For Living*. We'll meet at the Kirkland Branch at 10:15 AM and follow each other to Denny's farm, or you're welcome to drive directly to the farm if that's more convenient. The barn doors open at 11:00 AM, and after the tour, we'll sit down to enjoy a delicious homemade lunch, graciously prepared and served by Denny right in the museum barn. **RSVP by May 1. Members \$25 • Guests \$28**

Lake Geneva Cruise and Black Point Estate Tour

Wed., June 3

Activity Level Moderate - Share a beautiful day in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, starting with a relaxing lunch cruise, where you'll take in stunning lake views while enjoying a delicious meal on the water. After the cruise, we'll step back in time with a guided tour of the historic Black Point Estate, a magnificent lakeside mansion rich with stories, architecture, and charm. Following our scheduled activities, you'll have free time to explore at your own pace—take a leisurely stroll along the lakefront, browse the downtown shops, or stop for a sweet treat or coffee before we head home. **RSVP by May 1st. Members: \$166 • Guests: \$182**

Cubs vs. Brewers at Miller Park in Milwaukee, WI

Sun., June 28

Activity Level Moderate - Price includes: transportation to and from the park, admission to the game, lunch ticket for the park, and driver tip. Tickets are limited. Payment is due at time of registration. **RSVP by May 1st. Members \$119 • Guests \$130**

Extended Trips

Mackinac Island With Two Nights at the Grand Hotel

May 16-20, 2026

Activity Level Moderate - SOLD OUT! Please call to be added to our waiting list!

Journey to France

June 11-22, 2026

Activity Level High - SOLD OUT! Please call to be added to our waiting list! If you have already secured your spot, let us know if you are interested in booking an additional Notre Dame restoration excursion!

Experience Albuquerque During the 52nd International Balloon Fest, Plus Santa Fe!

October 4-8, 2026

Activity Level Moderate - SOLD OUT! Please call to be added to our waiting list!

Essential South America

November 5-14, 2026

Activity Level High - Embark on a South American adventure through Chile and Argentina, where vibrant cities, stunning landscapes, and rich cultural experiences await. Begin in Santiago, Chile, exploring its mix of modern and colonial architecture, local markets, and museums that reveal the nation's history and artistry. Savor fresh seafood at Mercado Central and toast your journey with a welcome dinner. Fly to Mendoza, Argentina, a desert-bordered wine region at the foot of the Andes, where boutique vineyards offer tastings, hands-on cooking classes, and insights into the local tradition of yerba mate tea. Conclude your trip in the energetic city of Buenos Aires, strolling its historic neighborhoods, sampling diverse cuisine, and soaking in the city's European flair and Latin rhythms. **RSVP by April 6, 2026.** Please call for pricing details!

Classics Calendar

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Prices may be subject to change due to fuel increases.

If you have any ideas/suggestions for future events or trips, please email us at [Classics@ResourceBank.com!](mailto:Classics@ResourceBank.com)

Please note our new Activity Levels

Activity Level Low: Relaxed pace, minimum walking and level ground, ample time to rest

Activity Level Moderate: Low-key movement, possibly on and off a bus, walking on uneven terrain, climbing stairs, and occasional periods of standing

Activity Level High: Designed for travelers who can comfortably walk longer distances, uneven terrains, long periods of standing, multiple bus boardings, and possible flights with transfers

Cancellation Policy

If you cancel a day trip or event after the date of the final payment and if we/you can find a person to take your place, we will provide you with a full refund. In the event we don't have a wait list or you can't find anyone to take your place, you will not receive any refund.

If the trip is scheduled with another tour company, then the trip cancellation policy is outlined by the tour company as stated in their trip brochure. If the trip is scheduled by the Classics Club, then the cancellation policy will be listed on the Classics Club brochure/registration form for that specific trip.

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